'they are desirous of being thought so; we 'see, by all their little airs, that this thought 'engages their attention; and they are hardly 'capable of understanding what is said to 'them, before they are to be governed by 'talking to them of what people will think 'of their behaviour. The same motive, 'however, indiscreetly made use of with 'boys, has not the same effect: provided 'they are let to pursue their amusements at 'pleasure, they care very little what people 'think of them. Time and pains are neces-'sary to subject boys to this motive.

'Whencesoever girls derive this first les-'son, it is a very good one. As the body is 'born, in a manner before the soul, our first 'concern should be to cultivate the former; 'this order is common to both sexes, but the 'object of that cultivation is different. In 'the one sex it is the developement of cor-'poreal powers; in the other, that of per-'sonal charms: not that either the quality of 'strength or beauty ought to be confined 'exclusively to one sex; but only that the 'order of the cultivation of both is in that 'respect reversed. Women certainly re-

'quire as much strength as to enable them 'to move and act gracefully, and men as 'much address as to qualify them to act 'with ease.'

. . . . . .

'Children of both sexes have a great many 'amusements in common; and so they ought; 'have they not also many such when they 'are grown up? Each sex has also its pecu-'liar taste to distinguish in this particular. 'Boys love sports of noise and activity; to 'beat the drum, to whip the top, and to 'drag about their little carts: girls, on the 'other hand, are fonder of things of show 'and ornament; such as mirrours, trinkets, 'and dolls: the doll is the peculiar amuse-'ment of the females; from whence we see 'their taste plainly adapted to their destina-'tion. The physical part of the art of pleas-'ing lies in dress; and this is all which chil-'dren are capacitated to cultivate of that art.'

. . . . . .

'Here then we see a primary propensity 'firmly established, which you need only to 'pursue and regulate. The little creature 'will doubtless be very desirous to know